

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 10-24 have been amended.

Applicants hereby elect **Group I (claims 1-9)**, with traverse, for prosecution in the above-identified application.

As the Examiner may be aware the gatekeeper is configured in order to support the 3rd party initiated pause and rerouting (3PPR) signaling, and provides an intra zone handoff and an inter zone handoff by using the gatekeeper. Hence, Groups 1, 2, and 3 belong to one invention. Although claims 1-9 have been elected with traverse, claims 10-24 are amended to depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 1, and examination of claims 10-24 is respectfully requested with the examination of claims 1-9.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of the designated inventions is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of each of the designated inventions would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining designated inventions. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it states that “if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.” It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Daniel Y.J. Kim**, at the telephone number listed below.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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